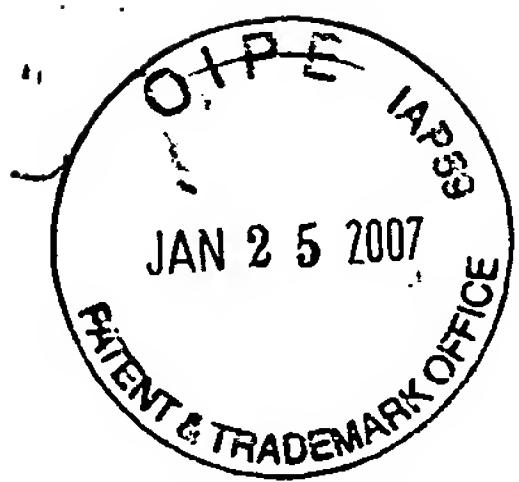


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The current assignee hereby submits a copy of the executed Assignments in the above-identified patent application from Edward J. Sare, David John Preston, Deborah Susan Thrale, Anthony Hales Asbridge, Imerys Mineraux Belgique SA, and Erik Johannes Petrus van Dijnen, assigning their rights in the invention to Imerys Minerals Ltd. Please associate the enclosed Assignments with the above-referenced application.

Applicants additionally submit herewith a Declaration/Power of Attorney by David John Preston, Erik Johannes Petrus van Dijnen, Anthony Hales Asbridge, Deborah Susan Thrale, and Edward J. Sare for the above-identified patent application.

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